

Montana Early Childhood Advisory Council Agenda

The next meeting of the MECAC will be held in Helena
September 10 and 11, 2008
Board of Investments Building, Wilderness Room
2401 Colonial Drive
Helena, MT

Public Comment—in accordance with 2-3-103 (1), MCA, the Department will hold a public comment period. Please note that this is the public's opportunity to address the work group with MECAC

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Wednesday September 10, 2008

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

- Welcome- Introductions, new members, check in
- Housekeeping items- evaluations/ travel claims
- Budget Overview- Chris Hettinger
- ECSB Updates
 - Economic Impact Study update
 - QRIS
 - Provider forums
 - Practitioner summit
 - Quality committee meeting
 - Communication plan
 - Next steps
 - Child Care Resource & Referral Functional Cost Analysis progress report
 - EPP
 - Quality Assurance position- error rate, etc
 - CACFP reauthorization

11:30-11:45 ECCS/ Head Start State Collaboration Report- Mary Jane

11:45-12 PUBLIC COMMENT

12:00-1:30 p.m. LUNCH- On your own

1:30-2:30 p.m. QAD Updates and Goals for FY 09

- Potential new regulations
- Program update- new staff, NARA credentialing, Sanswrite System (web portal), FY08 stats
- Q&A regarding Criminal background checks
- Q&A regarding investigation and enforcement authority

2:30-3:30 PUBLIC COMMENT

3:30-5 QRIS development (quality committee and those that would like to participate)
Accreditation committee MTAEYC
QRIS/QIRS- name?
Ratio recommendations

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Thursday, September 11, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30-9:45 a.m. BREAK

Quality Committee- Wilderness Room

- Consumer Education with Banik communications (combined with Public Policy)
- QRIS further development
- Preschool credential or existing program use?

Program Policy Committee- Sapphire Room

- FBI audit

- Attestations
- Sliding Fee Scale Changes

Public Policy Committee-Meadowlark Room

- Consumer Education with Banik communications (combined with Quality committee)
- CLASP bulletins
- MAC update

12:00-1:15 LUNCH- On your own

1:15-3:00 p.m. FULL COUNCIL

- Committee Reports
- Discussion, Recommendations, action items

3-3:15 PUBLIC COMMENT